



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Established 1890

## ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OH, THAT YOU WOULD REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN,  
WITH THE MOUNTAINS QUAKING BEFORE YOU,  
WHILE YOU WROUGHT AWESOME DEEDS WE COULD NOT HOPE FOR,  
SUCH AS THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF FROM OF OLD.

~ Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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### Parish Mission Statement

*We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel.*

*We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching  
and in sharing our faith and serving others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and through  
our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.*

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekday Masses

Monday - Communion Service  
Tue.-Fri. - 8:00 am  
School Mass Fridays Aug-May

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

#### Contact

##### Rev. William Thess

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##### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 pm

#### Sacraments

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sundays 7:00-7:15 am or by appt

##### Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

##### Baptism

Please contact the parish office.

# Welcome!

We believe every individual is on a journey to become closer to God – where you are on that journey is unique. We seek to welcome each person regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles, failings, or faults. Join us each week as we worship God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

God is working in your life. He is guiding you on this journey in life. This journey is never meant to be one you take on your own. We hope and pray that you will reach out, sign up and attend any of our parish activities. This journey is meant to be shared. Thank you for coming.

## Our Pastoral Team

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Ed Brown - Cemetery Association / Mike Kelso - Knights of Columbus

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## Your Gifts to God and Parish



### Sunday November 22, 2020



*Due to the holiday printing deadline, we  
could not include the offerings for  
November 22 in this issue.*

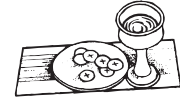
*They will be published in next week's  
bulletin.*

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**

# Liturgical Life



## Mass Schedule



Week of November 30 - December 6

Monday  
**30**

**St. Andrew, Apostle**

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11;  
Mt 4:18-22

8:00 am: **Communion Service**

Tuesday  
**1**

**Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,  
12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am: **Maria Neidert**

Wednesday  
**2**

**Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am: **Carroll Allen**

Thursday  
**3**

**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,  
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00 am:

Friday  
**4**

**Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Mt 9:27-31

8:00 am: **The Slinkard Family**

## Second Sunday of Advent

**5**

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt  
3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Saturday: 5:00 pm:

**&  
6**

Sunday: 7:30 am: **Angela Wade**

9:00 am: **Christopher Schwent**

10:30 am: **St. Joseph Parishioners**

### Monday, November 30, 2020

Sacristans

School Teachers

Money Counters

Fran Craft, Betty Combs  
Jackie Maloney, Nancy Ott

### Saturday, December 5

#### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Jill Patton

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Cindy Kelso, Mike Kelso

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None

### Saturday, December 6

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Lector:** Steven Hunter

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Ed Brown, Tom Donze

**Servers:** None

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Emily Bach

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** Dan Combs, George Kracke

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. William Thess

**Deacon:** Deacon Mark Byington

**Lector:** Karen Melton

**Extraordinary Ministers:** None

**Ushers:** John Bieser, Ryan Dowell

**Servers:** None

**Cantor:** None



# St. Catherine of Alexandria



Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 7:00 pm

*Coffman, Missouri*

Holy Day of Obligation:  
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

## Saturday, December 5

**Celebrant:** Fr. William Thess  
**Lector:** Betty Vogt  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** None  
**Offertory Bearers:** None  
**Mass Intention:** Tom Taylor

## Weekly Offertory

**November 22, 2019**

*Due to the holiday printing deadline, the November 22 collections will be published in next week's bulletin.*

**Happy Birthday!**

December 3  
**Maggie Herzog**

## Weekly Reflections

# First SUNDAY of Advent



November 29, 2020

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

### WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such

as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

Today's Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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## Together We Pray for Those Who are Sick



Parishioners names are in bold.

Joe McKoen  
Barbara McKoen  
Kim Allstun Porzeinski  
**Pat Krapf**  
**Kelsea Hulsey**  
Amelia Metcalf  
Easton Rustemeyer  
**Vince Block**  
**Michelle Hoffmeister**  
Bill Yeargain  
Clarence Briley  
Virginia Smalley  
Kay Bach  
**Mary Miller**  
Karen Chandler  
Fred Treece  
Karen Treece  
**Dale Springs**  
**Carl Pruetzel**  
**Sue Pruetzel**  
**Mike Hagan**  
Sr. Amelia Stenger  
Patty Valle  
**Jerri Jane Johnson**

Jackie Redd  
Richard Morris  
**John Eck**  
Jason Eastman  
Margaret Combs  
**Pat Kernan**  
Rhonda Thurman  
Jim Thurman  
Frank Wilson  
Patrick Blankenship  
**Warren Lodholz**  
Ellen Marquart  
**Donna Hager**  
Levi Tedder  
**Mia Rizo**  
**Ginger Baechle**  
Ashley Kernan  
Delores Gross  
**Wilma Kernan**  
Greg Haug  
Anna Webber  
Corey Powers  
Wanda Jones  
Terri LoRusso

To add someone to the prayer list contact Jill Patton at [prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com) or 756-4250.

Let us pray for those who are carrying the gift of life.

**Jessica (Ross) Asher**

**Hannah (Bobby) Gawf**

**Alyssa (Alex) Trautman**

Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to our prayer list.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Each Thursday**

8:30 am - 6:30 pm

**First Friday of the Month**

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

**Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.**

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)

For more information contact Charlie and Rita Boyd at 760-7887 • [ctboyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctboyd@sbcglobal.net)

## Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death.



Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

## Agnes Hinkebein, RN



If you are currently homebound or are hospitalized or know of a parishioner who is, please contact me at 756-4250 or email me at [healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com](mailto:healthminister@stjosephfarmington.com)



# Please Pray for our Troops



**Specialist Mark Bieser**  
Parishioner

**Tech Sergeant Amber Kammerer**  
sister of Bryan & Mandy Hubbard

**1st LT David Rogers**  
son-in-law of Gina Kearns

**Specialist James Bishop**  
grandson of Judy Carriere

**1st LT Jacob Roney**  
son of Kevin and Terri Roney

**Major Nick Bono**  
brother of Matt Bono

**1 LT Olivia M. Klinkhardt**  
niece Mary Lou Brady

**SrA E-4 Patrick Rudroff**  
son of Greg & Susan Rudroff

**Major David Brewer**  
son of Louise Brewer

**SSG Timothy Masters**  
Parishioner

**ET2 Josh Rustemeyer**  
grandson of Jo Rustemeyer

**Sergeant Gregory T. Corcoran**  
nephew of Tom Corcoran

**Logan Methenia**  
nephew of Tracy Millstead

**John Turk**  
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

**SMSGT James Ethington**  
son-in-law of Jim & Maudie Kelly

**Corporal Austin Patton**  
son of Jill Patton

**Ryan Turk**  
nephew of Steve and Cynthia Paroski

**Jacob B. Gaines**  
son of Jim & Bobbie Gaines

**Sr MSgt E-8 Chris (Jill) Perkuhn**  
son-in-law of Jay (Shelly) Ellis

**BJ Waltz**

**CW4 Steve Howell**  
son-in-law of John & Michelle Podolak

**CW3 Nicholas Andrew Rice**  
son of Nick and Margaret Rice

**Spc James Wolf**  
grandson of James Rose

**Sergeant Grace Jones**  
daughter-in-law of Dale and Arlene Jones

**SSG Justin Wolf**  
grandson of James Rose



## Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## Wednesday Rosary

Wednesday at 7:00 pm



Our petition for this week:  
"For our parish community and a greater awareness of the coming of our Lord."

## Parish Ministries



*Thank You!!!*

A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners that supported our bake sale this year. To those who baked, donated money, volunteered their time or prayed for the success of our Help the Hungry Bake Sale, we thank you for your support. Thank you Fr. Thess for your participation in the "Cooking Clergy" session. Our parish is awesome, a giving and caring people for those who are in need. God has truly blessed us. St. Vincent de Paul food pantry will be receiving half of the funds raised.

*The Help the Hungry Bake Sale Committee*

## Are you a registered parishioner?

### Benefits for you:

- ease of scheduling sacraments and signing up for religious education programs
- sense of identity and belonging to the parish
- comforting to have the support of a parish family

Registration isn't about seeking donation, *it's about building community.* Register today!

Source: Joseph Kenny, Catholic St. Louis Magazine, April/May 2018



**RCIA**  
JOURNEY

**Please Pray for our Inquirers**

Please pray for all those that are attending RCIA each week. Pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit and follow God's Will for them on their journey into the one true Christian Faith, The Holy Catholic Church.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

For Advent to be Offered all Day Long

### Friday, December 4

9:00 - 10:00 am.....Fr. Bill Thess  
10:00 - 12:00 pm.....Fr. Tony Dattilo  
12:00 - 2:00 pm.....Fr. Mark Ebert  
2:00 - 4:00 pm .....Fr. Bill Thess  
4:00 - 6:00 pm .....Fr. James Dyer

### Advent/Anticipation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, *[here mention your request]* through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.  
**Amen.**



## Bell Ringing



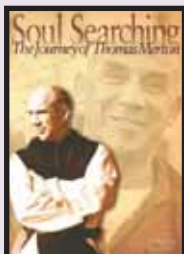
**Wednesdays: 5pm - 8pm**  
**Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23**



United Way Bell Ringing will be at Walmart in Farmington. We will be ringing at the west door (pharmacy side). Please call Lisa in the Parish Office (756-4250) if you would like to sign up for a time slot, if you cannot make your time, or if you have questions.

## Parish Ministries

### Advent Class with Deacon Mark Byington



Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and will begin with a rosary in the church with class following in the parish center.

Classes will consist of adopting the monastic prayer life to our own lives. The first night will be, "Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton" followed by a brief discussion on Merton's impact of Christian spirituality stemming from his monastic life. Classes will continue with Word on Fires; St Augustine & St Benedict, and "One Day: The Monk's Life at the Abbey of Gethsemani". We will finish with a talk on adopting the monastic prayer life to our own lives. Please call the parish office to sign up. Appropriate social distancing and masks will be required.

### Baby Items For Christmas

The Christmas season is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. In the spirit of giving, the **Respect Life Committee** is asking families to **bring baby items to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and place them at the manger.** These items will be distributed to our Parkland Hospital and to the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center.

They in turn will give the items to needy families. Items particularly needed are: boys clothes size 18 months to 4T, onesies, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, 6).. If you would like, the gift may be wrapped.

**Thank you for your support!**

### Women of Mary Giving Tree



The Women of Mary are again sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Since the clients who visit our St. Vincent de Paul come only once a month, we are hoping to have some Christmas presents available for them and their children before the end of November.

The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center. You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the label, and then place the unwrapped item under the tree. The volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will pick up the items and distribute them to their clients before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone for your support; each year you are so generous to those in need from our local community!

### Women of Mary

Until further notice, all Women of Mary meetings are suspended. This was a heavy decision for your Board of Directors to make, but since most of our regular attending members are in the most vulnerable age range for contracting Covid-19, it is unavoidable. The number of people who have tested positive in the state, in our area, and in our own parish is alarming. We make this difficult decision to protect you. We will reassess the situation after the New Year. We traditionally do not have a January meeting, so that means that the soonest we might plan something is in February.

I don't think I need to remind you to keep praying that the vaccines come quickly - we do seem to have some hope in that area, and to pray especially for all of our family members and friends who are ill. Please take care of yourselves. Wear your masks and be very careful out in public.

I keep you in my prayers always and in the loving arms of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary.

Michelle



# Parish Ministries

*Walking with  
Moms in Need*  
a year of service



## Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

**ACTION THIS WEEK:** Do you regularly enjoy a meal out during the week? Or do you typically stop and get a cup of coffee every morning? Give up one of these small pleasures this week. Use the money you saved to make a donation to a local pregnancy center, food pantry or charity that provides assistance to mothers in need.

OR

Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for the intention of mothers in need.



## Our Mass intention book is open.

No masses for 2022 will be reserved until next November. Dates start on Jan. 1, 2021 and continue through Dec. 31, 2021.



## St. Joseph Parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

**Open Tuesday and Friday, 9-12 pm**

For assistance call 756-0997

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

***Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.***

## Rosary for America



**Saturday, December 5**

8:00 am • School Flag Pole  
*Bring rosary & lawn chairs*

**1st Saturday Each Month**

## PSR



## PSR in Need of 5th Grade Teacher

Would you like to share your faith? Do you feel a calling to work with our parish youth? St. Joseph Parish has an opening for a fifth-grade PSR catechist beginning in January. PSR classes are Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15 pm Responsibilities include planning engaging lessons for the class.

If interested, contact Jane Ramos at  
573-631-1722

# Around the Archdiocese

## Daughter's of St. Paul 2020 Advent Events



Daughters of St. Paul  
invite you to:

**A Virtual Celebration!**

A joyful way to help prepare children for Christmas...

**Sat. December 5  
10:30 am**

Meet St. Nicholas! Learn about him,  
Sing, pray and have fun!

To register email: [stlouis@paulinmedia.com](mailto:stlouis@paulinmedia.com)

 **St. Nicholas Day**

 **Pauline BOOKS & MEDIA** 1804 Watson Road (Crestwood) (314) 965-2312

## St. Agnes Catholic Church, Bloomsdale

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in St. Agnes Church for the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany, and other prayers of intercession "for the souls of the whole world."

For more information, call Lynn Davis at 573-883-0439 or Cheryl Bauman at 314-766-1949.



Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish,

Good Shepherd Children and Family Services is excited to announce our expansion into St. Francois county. Good Shepherd is a child welfare agency operating under the umbrella of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We provide Foster Care, Adoption and Pregnancy and Parenting Support services in the community. We also have a Residential Shelter program for pregnant and parenting teens on our St. Louis campus. We have been a Foster Care provider under contract with the State of Missouri Children's Division since the mid 1990's. A recent expansion of that contract will allow us to begin providing foster care case management services to the children and families of St. Francois county as of October 1, 2020. In addition to case management, we will also develop foster and kinship homes for the children in your community. In the long term, Good Shepherd hopes to develop a footprint in St. Francois county that would include Adoption and Pregnancy and Parenting support services as well. We have leased an office space located at 111 Walker Drive in Farmington. That space is under development and we hope to be operating out of that office very soon.

I would welcome the opportunity to share information about our agency with any parish groups or individuals. My phone number is 314-854-5703; we do not yet have phone service operational in our Farmington office. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions. I am happy to keep you posted about our progress and will let you know when we have our office up and running.

Blessings,

Teresa Hayner, MSW, LCSW

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## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary 

To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week!!!

